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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: IEA

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1. WE PASSED YOUR MESSAGE TO DAVIGNON TODAY. HIS COMMENTS FOLLOW.

A. DAVIGNON AGREED THAT THE TERM "FLOOR PRICE" WAS CONFUSING AND ACCEPTED THE REASONING BEHIND YOUR SUGGESTION FOR DIFFERENT TERMINOLOGY. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT THAT "MINIMUM IMPORT PRICE FOR OIL" WAS NOT QUITE ACCURATE. HIS COUNTER SUGGESTION IS "MINIMUM PRICE UNDER WHICH IMPORTED OIL WILL NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE IN DOMESTIC MARKETS." DAVIGNON ACKNOWLEDGES THIS IS CUMBERSOME AND IS WILLING TO EXAMINE MORE TERSE AND EQUALLY ACCURATE WAYS OF EXPRESSING THE THOUGHT.

B. DAVIGNON ENVISAGES USING THE NEWLY-CREATED EC HIGH-LEVEL AD HOC COMMITTEE TO GET THE FRENCH ON BOARD. IT WILL HAVE ITS FIRST MEETING IN PARIS ON MARCH 19. THE EIGHT WILL BE REPRESENTED ON THIS AD HOC COMMITTEE BY THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ON THE IEA GOVERNING BOARD. DAVIGNON DID NOT KNOW WHO THE FRENCH WOULD SEND.

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C. DAVIGNON AGREES ON YOUR APPROACH TO THE COMPLETION OF

THE SYSTEM AND THE TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION OF A PRICE LEVEL.

D. HE WILL TRY TO CONTACT THE SWEDES BY MARCH 17 AND IS INCLINED TO AGREE THAT THE U.S. SHOULD STAY AWAY FROM THE SWEDES FOR NOW.

2. DAVIGNON SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN A BIT OF A FLAP AT DUBLIN ABOUT IEA PARTICIPATION IN THE PREPARATORY MEETING. WHEN THE SUBJECT WAS RAISED GISCARD SAID THAT, SINCE OPEC PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE REPRESENTED, HE SAW NO REASON FOR IEA'S ATTENDANCE. TINDEMANS THEN REMINDED GISCARD THAT THE EC HAD ALREADY DECIDED THAT THE IEA SHOULD ATTEND. GISCARD REPLIED THAT IF THE QUESTION HAD ALREADY BEEN DECIDED, THERE WAS NO NEED TO DISCUSS IT FURTHER. DAVIGNON IS NOT SURE EXACTLY WHAT WILL HAPPEN NOW. BUT HE CONSIDERS THAT A U.S. DEMARCHE IN PARIS IS CALLED FOR. IN DAVIGNON'S VIEW, THE FRENCH SHOULD BE ASKED SIMPLY TO CONFIRM TO OPEC, UN (AND THE IEA) THAT THEY ARE WELCOME TO SEND OBSERVERS IF THEY WISH. APPARENTLY THE FRENCH DO NOT WANT TO APPEAR TO BE TAKING A NEW INITIATIVE. DAVIGNON HAS SUGGESTED THIS FORMULA TO THE FRENCH AND HAS EXPLAINED THAT NO NEW INITIATIVE WOULD BE INVOLVED. DAVIGNON URGES QUICK U.S. ACTION. CHIRAC AND SAUVAGNARGUES ARE GOING TO MOSCOW ON MARCH 17. IN THEIR ABSENCE, IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO SETTLE THIS QUESTION.

3. DAVIGNON THINKS THAT AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED AT THE UPCOMING MEETING OF THE IEA GOVERNING BOARD TO HOLD AN IEA MINISTERIAL MEETING.
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